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November 16, 1951

The Honorable Walter B. Smith Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

A brief preliminary review of the status of the records kept by the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC) has brought to my attention the fact that these records are not up to date and are being currently maintained in a manner that is inadequate for the purpose of affording a reference record of frequency assignments to all of the Federal Government agencies concerned.

The question immediately arises as to the advisability or necessity for maintenance of such records by the IRAC Secretariat for the continued use of the member agencies, inasmuch as I understand that some government agencies are maintaining their own records.

It will therefore be appreciated if I may have your views in this matter. Specifically, is it desirable or necessary to the prosecution of the communications activities of the Central Intelligence Agency to have up-to-date records currently published in the form of frequency assignment lists by the IRAC Secretariat?

Your views in this matter are desired for the purpose of determining and presenting a course of action relative to the Budgetary Estimates for the IRAC for the Fiscal Year 1953. As such, they will be extremely useful to me and to the Bureau of the Budget. Because of the shortness of time remaining in which to prepare such a position, a reply at your earliest convenience will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Haraden Pratt Telecommunications Advisor